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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

M Rachuba

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5 and 6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/7/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of group 1, claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 in the reply filed on 21 March 2006 is acknowledged. Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by JP 2002-126985, cited by applicant. '985, figures 4, and 8-10, discloses inputting a width of the chamfering and a range of the chamfering from a periphery of a lens shape at a position adjacent to a nose and/or a position far away from the nose, **figure 9**; obtaining a trace of the chamfering on a refractive surface of the eyeglass lens and displaying the trace of the chamfering by overlapping the lens shape, **figure 9**; and carrying out the processing of the chamfering of the eyeglass lens along the trace of the chamfering, **figures 4 and 10**; inputting a width of the chamfering and a range of the chamfering from a periphery of a lens shape at a position adjacent to a nose and/or a position far away from the nose, **figure 9**; obtaining a trace for the chamfering on a refractive surface of the eyeglass lens, displaying the trace for the chamfering by overlapping the lens shape, and displaying an index for indicating any position of a radius vector of the lens shape on a periphery of the lens shape, **figure 9**; displaying a

sectional shape of an edge of the eyeglass lens after the processing for the chamfering at the any position of the radius vector, the any position being indicated by the index, **figure 9**; and carrying out the processing of the chamfering of the eyeglass lens along the trace for the chamfering, **figures 4 and 10**; changing a chamfering width of the edge surface so that a proportion between a width of a front bottom portion and a width of a back bottom portion is gradually changes throughout all periphery of the eyeglass lens on the front and back bottom portions centered on a mountain or groove of a V shape of the edge surface on which a processing for the V shape or the groove is carried out, **figures 9, 4 and 10**; or processing a chamfering of an edge surface of an eyeglass lens by changing a width of the chamfering of the edge surface so that a width of a front bottom portion, a width of a back bottom portion and the chamfering width of the edge surface become optimum sizes, throughout all the periphery of the eyeglass lens on the front and back bottom portions centered on a mountain or groove of a V shape of the edge surface on which processing for the V shape or the groove is carried out, **figures 9, 4 and 10**. Note US Patent 6,688,944, the English language equivalent to JP 2002-126985.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Other similar methods of chamfering eyeglass lenses are cited of interest.

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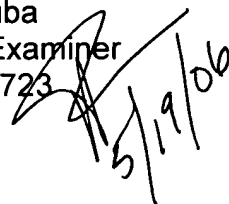
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M Rachuba whose telephone number is 571-272-4493.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Handwritten signature and date 5/19/06.